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## **President's Message** by Karen Murray



### **Happy "236th"**

#### **Birthday America**

This is the end of our fiscal year and I am happy to report that we ended the year with 152 members. Our satellites are doing well and all have planned activities for the

club. Three more upcoming activities sponsored by the satellites are: **UnCar Show** in August by the **North Shore**, **Crusin' the Coast** in October by the Gulf Coast, and **Funkana** in October by the Acadiana satellite. Check out the Calendar at a Glance for the dates and details.

The website is constantly being updated especially the history section. Thanks so much to Chad Wicker and Ronald Palmisano for their work on organizing a section for old Car Show t-shirts. The board felt that it was hard to keep designing new shirts without knowledge of what we had before. Also, the Preferred Service Provider list has been added. This list is a work in progress and additions are always welcome.

Now that we are in the dog days of summer driving our Little British Cars is harder to do in this part of the world. That being said, July 14th is a Tech Session at Delgado Community College on Wheel Alignment.

The Board of Directors is still working hard on

upcoming events and is currently looking into adding a **"Day at the Fairgrounds"** that will spotlight a race in the BMCNO name and a Antique car monthly show at NOLA Racetrack.

We are starting to work on the 23rd Annual British Car Day in March 2013. We do need a new host hotel that will allow us to bring food for the Friday night reception. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated securing a location. All suggestions from the 2012 car show has been discussed and reviewed for the next show. If anyone is interested in being chairman of a certain committee please let me know. A chairman (s) has not been decided on as of this date.

I know that everyone is busy with children, grandchildren, and summer vacations but please try to make the next meetings of the club. The south shore is looking for a speaker on car

insurance or car insurance adjusters. Membership renewals are PAST DUE. Use PayPal, mail a check, or pay at your next meeting. If you have trouble with PayPal call Don Marpe, Ronald Palmisano, or Chad Wicker. The membership directories will be produced at the end of July.

Hope to see everyone soon!!!!!!!!!!!!

Cheers and happy driving,  
Karen





## July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3		5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	<a href="#">14 Delgado Tech Session Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting—Second Saturday</a>
15	16	<a href="#">17 Board of Directors Meeting</a>	18	19	20	21
22	23	<a href="#">24 Baton Rouge Area Gathering</a>	25	<a href="#">26 Northshore Area Gathering</a>	27	<a href="#">28 Acadania/Lafayette meeting/cruise</a>
29	30	<a href="#">31 General Meeting</a>	1	2	3	4

### “Mark your Calendar for the rest of the year”

Month	Date	Event	Contact
July	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Delgado Tech Session “Suspension & Wheel Alignment”, 9 – noon. Lunch following at Café Navaree. See page 19 for more information.	Rick Huber
July	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting—Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis	Peter & Melissa Brauen
July	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors meeting	Harold O’Reilly’s house
July	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Baton Rouge Meeting - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA	Rick Huber
July	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	North Shore Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420	Cliff Hughes
July	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Acadiana / Lafayette meeting/cruise	Dave & Minda Hayden

***“Mark your Calendar” continued***

July	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	General BMCNO Meeting south shore– Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
August	Saturday 11th	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting—Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Peter & Melissa Brauen
August	Saturday 18th	Board barbeque	Karen and Ronnie
August	Tuesday 21st	Baton Rouge Meeting - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Rick Huber
August	Thursday 23rd	North Shore Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420 (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Cliff Hughes
August	Saturday 25th	Un-Car Show—Tour Abita Brewery then dinner and competition at Abita Brew Pub (check article in newsletter for new awards added to contest)	Cliff Hughes / North shore Satellite
August	Saturday, 25th	Acadiana /Lafayette meeting/cruise (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Dave &Minda Hayden
August	Tuesday, 28th	General BMCNO Meeting south shore– Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Board of Directors
September	Saturday 8th	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting—Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Peter & Melissa Brauen
September	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors meeting	Rick Huber’ house
September	Tuesday 18th	Baton Rouge Meeting - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. Cafe Americain, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Rick Huber
September	Thursday, 20th	North Shore Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420 (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Cliff Hughes
September	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Convey to Natchez (check newsletter for detailed information)	
September	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Brits on the Bluffs – English Motoring Club Mississippi Annual Car Show, Natchez, Ms (check newsletter for detailed information). www.msemc.org , John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288, Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.	
September	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	General BMCNO Meeting south shore– Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Board of Directors
September	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Acadiana /Lafayette meeting/cruise (Nominations for 2013 Board of Directors)	Dave Hayden
October	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Funkana - Arrow Aviation in Broussard, LA.	Dave & Minda Hayden / Acadiana Satellite

***“Mark your Calendar” continued***

October	Saturday 13th	Cruisin' the Coast (check article in newsletter for information)	Peter & Melissa Brauen / Gulf Coast Satellite
October	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors meeting	TBA
October	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Convey to Fairhope, Alabama	
October	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	South Alabama British Car Show – Fairhope, Alabama	
October	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Baton Rouge Meeting - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. Cafe American, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA (Election of 2013 Board of Directors)	Rick Huber
October	Thursday, 25th	North Shore Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420 (Election of 2013 Board of Directors)	Cliff Hughes
October	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Convey to South Alabama British Car Show, Fairhope, Alabama (check newsletter for detailed information)	
October	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	South Alabama British Car Show – Fairhope, Alabama	
October	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Acadiana /Lafayette meeting/cruise (Election of 2013 Board of Directors)	Dave Hayden
October	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	General BMCNO Meeting south shore– Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA (Election of 2013 Board of Directors)	Board of Directors
November	Saturday 3rd	E.E. Reynolds Rallye (check article in newsletter for information)	
November	Saturday 10th	Gulf Coast/Ms Meeting—Second Saturday, Art-walk in Bay St. Louis	Peter & Melissa Brauen
November	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors meeting	
November	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Baton Rouge Meeting - dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m. Cafe American, 7521 Jefferson Hwy, Baton Rouge, LA	Rick Huber
November	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	North Shore Meeting - Meeting 7:00 p.m. Abita Brew Pub, 72011 Holly Street, Abita Springs, LA 70420	Cliff Hughes
November	Saturday, 24th	Acadiana /Lafayette meeting/	Dave & Minda Hayden
November	Tuesday, 27th	General BMCNO Meeting south shore– Dinner 6:00, Meeting 7:00 p.m., Italian Pie Restaurant, 5650 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, LA	Board of Directors
December	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Annual BMCNO Christmas Party 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—BOCCE Club of GNO, 2340 Severn Ave. Metairie, Louisiana	Board of Directors
December	October 28 - November 2	Vintage Triumph Register 2012 National Convention, Galveston Island, Texas - See the host club Texas Triumph Register at <a href="http://www.texastriumphregister.org/">http://www.texastriumphregister.org/</a> for more information	Texas Triumph Register
December	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors meeting	





## May 2012 Meeting Minutes by Rick Huber



Only 17 of us on Tuesday, May 29th, with Karen & Ronnie, Chad, Keith & Karen, and Cliff all regular attendees that were out of town doing summer type things. We kicked off the monthly meeting at the Italian Pie restaurant by welcoming Randy Se-

mones to the meeting. He's just bought a late model MGB and is getting it ready for driving, so he's joining the club to have some people to do Little British Car things with. We said there were many MGB owners in the club and were happy to have him join us and were looking forward to seeing him and his car at future events.

Past events started with Don's description of the NOLA Motorsports Park event on April 28th. There was a good turnout, and everybody enjoyed themselves. Don said he'll continue to schedule more driving events like that and the Circuit Grand Bayou event from last year. Rick talked a little bit about the Walter Mitty at Road Atlanta the last weekend of April. He heard about it at the Baton Rouge gathering from Tom Miller, a multi-year attendee, who crewed for a vintage racing Triumph Spitfire this year. Triumph was the featured marque, and plenty of them turned out. Tom also took pictures of many very rare, some one-of-a-kind cars - look for Tom's articles and pictures in this newsletter.

Jack talked about the WWII museum, and Audrey talked about dinner and a show. The participants from the NO and EMC clubs toured around the museum separately, but then got together to see Tom Hanks' narration of the "Beyond All Boundaries" movie. Several NO members went to Stage Door Canteen for dinner and a show, and really

enjoyed the show.

Several people talked about the Days of Yesterday museum and we all enjoyed ourselves once again. Rick wrote down all the names of cars and can work with people who took pictures to put names and pictures on the club web site if anybody is interested. Those who went to Parkview Bakery enjoyed the lunch there, and people were still buzzing about the Bayou Boogaloo with all the bicycles that were blocking the streets in the area. Tom and Randy from BR didn't have a parking slip, and when they couldn't find a place with all the bicycle traffic, headed for Landry's for lunch instead.

Rick did this month's version of Bill Avery's trivia contest, and Audrey stole the show winning two out of the three prizes, having looked up several of the answers. Roger won the other prize for one that Audrey couldn't find the answer. Congratulations Audrey and Roger!

Rick mentioned that club members can get a discount to British Marque Car Club News now that BMCNO has registered with them. It's a monthly newspaper with news from many member clubs around the country.

Rick mentioned that membership renewal is due by the end of June, and that there is now a convenient way to renew on-line now that Don has set us up on [clubregistration.net](http://clubregistration.net).

Rick talked about future events, with several people signing up and paying for the Crawfish Boil on June 3, and the wheel alignment tech session organized for 9 am on Saturday July 14. The group decided to go to Cafe Navarre for lunch after the session.

Several people talked about projects. Dan just bought a 71 E-Type couple and

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was looking for transportation options, OJ talked about his TR6 front wheel rims rubbing on the lower ball joints after he changed the bushings at the top, Pete talked about taking out his TR6 rear axles and sending them off to California to get re-done, Roger went to the annual Carlisle, PA swap meet and came home with an overdrive transmission for his MGB, and Rick is making progress

putting his MGB back together after the transmission rebuild and engine bay repaint. Mike mentioned a place on the internet for those interested in vintage motorcycles, oddly enough called [vintagecycletv.com](http://vintagecycletv.com).

Don gave us a Treasury update, and ran the 50:50. Winner of \$18.50 was Mary Lynne, and other prizes were won by Wally, Allen, & Bill.

## 2012 New Orleans British Car Day Facts by Chad Wicker

This information is based on the entries to the 2012 Car Show:

We had entries from 8 States, including our own.



Alabama	7
Florida	6
Georgia	2
Louisiana	79
Mississippi	14
Tennessee	2
Texas	4
Wisconsin	1

Of the 115 entries, 77 received awards.

Aston Martin	2
Austin-Healeys	5
Bentley	2
Jaguars	21
Minis	5
MGs	53
Triumphs	21
Rolls Royce	3
Sunbeam	3
Other (8 Marques)	8

Cars present at the show:

Of those entries, based on Zip Code, a total of 11,895 estimated miles were driven to the show, an average of 104 miles per person.

Average Age of Car	1974
Newest Car 2012	McLaren MP4-12C
Oldest Car 1947	MG TC

Alabama	6
Florida	5
Georgia	1
Louisiana	47
Mississippi	12
Tennessee	1
Texas	4
Wisconsin	1

BMCNO	52
Mardi Gras T's	14
EMC	8
SABCC	6
Panhandle BCA	6
JCNA	3
Mini Owners of Texas	3
AH Club of America	2
Horseless Carriage Club	2
NAMGBR	2
AMGBA	1
BMC Arkansas	1
Fox Cities BCC	1
6-Pack	1
Jensen Healey Preservation	1
VTR	1
PeachTree MG Registry	1
Rolls Royce Owners Club	1
Houston MGC	1

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## *Cruisin' and BMCNO* Pointers for Cruisin the Coast :



Cruisin' the Coast is a week long event - October 7 - Sun Oct 16 - 1/2 day. (it is pretty much over Saturday night - so if you plan to come only on Sunday

you have missed the best parts) Pre-registration is \$50 - Includes a T-shirt and it is per car - not per person - and good for the whole week. Pre-registration post-mark is Aug 15. Late registration is \$75 and no T-shirt. There are activities, entertainment, and events all week - I cannot go into the all the details here so please 'Cruise' the website (pun intended lol)

This event is designed to encourage folks to mingle, yet give you breathing room to do as you please - it is full of camaraderie and classic car enthusiast fellowship - you will meet wonderful people, learn cool stuff, and see interesting cars and you will show off *your* interesting car too! And you can eat, dance, shop (Ocean Springs, the Bay & Edgewater are all 'venue sites' for registered cars) all the while enjoying your car. You can relax too - lots of quiet spaces and rowdy spaces - you choose :-)

Please - do not discriminate because you think this is all macho muscle cars and please do not pre-judge the people who participate. Over 4500 people register from all over this country in all manner of vehicles - and just as many spectators. In short - No need to be apprehensive - you will be every bit as interesting to them as they you.

This event is first and foremost Cruisin' the Coast's event - where you register to participate. Many Gulf Coast BMCNO members are

registered for this event - we will be participating and parking in the blockaded venues including on that Saturday. Therefore we cannot call ourselves the hosts of this event - (we will host a BMCNO event at a later date) -----

However: We invite you to register and meet us at the largest venue in Gulfport. No one here can guarantee you a spot to create your own event there - but some of us can go early enough to try to section off spots in the same general area. There are restrooms, food, and beverage vendors (including alcohol) live bands, prizes and more. You can bring ice chests and your food too. Grilling and cooking? Not sure - would not recommend it- but check with the official site contacts.

There are 4 large sections / sites along the coast that are blockaded and ONLY registrants can drive thru (it's a blast and like a parade) You may park in these venues as people come and go all day - no guarantee everyone can park together in one large group - except at the Gulfport venue which is rather large (and shady all over) If you do not register - you can park in guest parking and walk thru the venues for free.

At the very least - We can designate a time and place to group up and then 'cruise the coast' con-







voy style. Maybe meet up at a casino or something - we have time to plan that. event is like trying to explain Disney World or Mardi Gras - you just gotta do it.

We have put out the message to the coast group for Hope to see many of you there!

ideas for a place that you can pitch a tent and banner and create your own event somewhere. A couple Thanks,

of people are looking into some ideas - we will Peter and Melissa  
keep you posted.

You will see lots of cars in groups like rat rods, or the mustang group or some such thing - but we do not recall any of them having their own venue with tents and banners.

We may not be able to guarantee a special spot for BMCNO Tents and Banners - but we can almost guarantee this: Once you register and participate once - you are going to want to plan a 2 or 3 day event out of it the next time. Trying to explain this



## *Welcome New Members*



Bruce A. and Linda Cole  
Pascagoula, MS 39567  
1976 Triumph TR6

Larry Joubert  
Port Allen, LA 70767  
1973 Triumph Stag

Darek and Nora Guichard  
Destrehan, LA 70047  
1977 MGB

Randy Semones  
New Orleans, LA 70130  
1979 MG B

Crispin "Butch" and Gail A. Horning  
Gulfport, MS 39507  
2004 Mini Cooper S, 1972/95 Mini 1300i

Andy and Deanne Switzer  
Gulfport, MS 39503  
1971 Jaguar XKE Coupe

Roy and Pinney Johnson  
Baton Rouge, LA 70810  
1957 MGA



## *Baton Rouge Gathering by Rick Huber, BMCNO Vice President*



The Baton Rouge Gathering turned into "story night" for the 8 of us who attended the get together on Tuesday, June 19. We welcomed Tom & Becky Collelo to the group for their first event with us. They own an MG TD replica produced by a company called Allison in

1980, a VW powered, 1 to 1 replica of a TD, complete with many actual TD parts. Tom & Becky told us about the VW club and events they have. One of the biggest differences from our club is the average age of members, which is the low to mid-30s. The Collelos are more "our" age, and they are happy joining a club more their age.

Nobody in attendance had gone to the crawfish boil, so we said the low turnout might have been because of the heat, although Rick heard that the fans in the pavilions kept it reasonable. We talked about upcoming events with the Delgado Tech Session on Saturday July 14, the Uncar show on Saturday Aug 25, and all the local gatherings in BR, north shore, art walk in Bay St. Louis, and the Lafayette drive. Plenty of activities going on all around the wide geographical area covered by the club.

We then talked about projects. Rick's 75 V8 MGB is back on the road after 9 months of transmission rebuilding and engine bay painting, and it's better than ever. He brought it out for show-and-tell after the meeting. Might even give Keith's MGB some competition for 1st place at upcoming shows, but that is likely not to be, as the father-son project from the late 90's will be heading north, to Nashville to reside with Rick's son Andrew now

that he has a house and a garage. Tom talked about the decision he's trying to make about his MGB-GT that suffered an oil hose failure in April and needs a complete engine rebuild. He's considering the 3.4 L GM V6 engine and T-5 transmission. Anybody know of a source for that engine/transmission? Bob told us the story of finding out about a long stored 1951 MG-TD about a year and a half ago. He told the lady back then that he was interested in the car if she ever wanted to sell it. A couple of weeks ago, she called, he looked, and the rest, as they say, is history. The car had been stored for 21 years just about 2 miles from Bob's house in Baker. It's in fantastic shape with no rust or damaged body work, the wood all in good condition, engine compartment very clean, all the paperwork and documentation is in order, even the top is still in good shape, and now it's his! Once he and Milton get it home, maybe we'll schedule a local tech session to see if we can get it running and driving again.

Bill Avery performed an extended version of the Trivia Contest. There were no winners for the questions in this month's newsletter, but Bill brought along a few more tantalizing tid-bits and Milton won a green brush for answering one of those correctly. At that point, the gathering turned into story night, with Tom telling us about jumping in the boot of a Healey and driving out from under a tent just as a racing car crashed through it at the Opelousas raceway back in the 60's. Potential new member Tom Collelo talked about some racing experiences with VW's which brought up the Formula V cars, open wheeled racers powered by the rear mounted, air cooled VW engine. Tom told a story about how Bill and several others built their own Formula V race car for another race in Opelousas, finished it on a Friday night, then Bill piloted it to first place the very





## *Baton Rouge Gathering **continued**....*

next day. The talk turned to Fred Fabre, who is no longer with us, and some of his Rolls Royce and Bentley cars in north Baton Rouge and how Bob and Bill bought several things from his shop when it was sold after he died. Bob was able to get a 1963 Sebring poster, the first race he attended there, and Tom talked about working cor-

ners with Fred at various tracks across south Louisiana in those racing glory days of the 60s. Wow, what a spell binding, story-telling night that we all thoroughly enjoyed. Hopefully we can get those kind of stories going again at another one of our gatherings.

## *British Car Week national meet 2012 by Cliff Hughes*



Several weeks ago BMCNO received invitations for the British Car Week event at Hot Springs Village, AR. This event was held May 30 thru June 3rd. Keith Vezina, Allen Bradley, myself and our wives

decided to attend this event. Allen and Susan canceled so the Vezina's and Hughes' departed. The Vezina's arrived a day earlier than us with their MGB, and I trailered the MG Midget. No issues with vehicles on the way up, so all was good.

This was the first Car Week sponsored by several British Car clubs in Arkansas. The 4 day event



was well planned with almost too much to see and do. A meet and greet hospitalite was held each night at the Arlington Hotel in downtown Hot Springs. This

was the host hotel and site for the NAMGAR show in 2010. Several events were set up for driving around the lakes, with a picnic on Lake Degray.

We ran into club member Gene Gillam from our MS branch at the catered lunch at that site. There was a Funkana Gymkana planned at the parking lot of the Community College, and the Airport. Keith entered his MGB in the Funkana, and I was the navigator. The typical bag over



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head, backing up, hand grenades in traffic cones routine. Keith entered his MG in the timed event race in the parking lot, but I believe the Mini took all awards. PP Needless to say we found some excellent eating establishments in the BMCNO tradition. When I registered for the show, I was asked to enter the Concour class. A reception was held at the Village for all Concour entrants. Louisiana seafood was the fare, and I



can tell you that it was excellent. Since I had never entered this type of competition, I decided to give it a try. There were over 50 cars in the Concour judging, a total of 5 classes. 5 judges were dispatched to look at each car, and no questions were asked of the owners. A second pass was made later on by the 5 same judges, with questioning by the judges. PP Over 150

cars were registered for this event, held on parking lot at the Village HOA. It was opened to the public, and hundreds of spectators were in attendance. Popular choice was opted for all cars excepting Concours. Soon enough it was time for the awards. I heard Keith's name for the MGB class. It was most unusual because there were no 2nd place trophies, only 1st. They set up a promenade for all the winners to travel around the HOA building.. and pass all of the spectators. While I was waiting for Keith to line up, the head Concour judge approached me and asked where my car was. I replied that I loaded up my car, and was ready to head out as soon as Keith received his award. Then I was told that I was the winner in the saloon/sedan class, and needed to get in front of the line with the other Concour winners. Needless to say, I was not expecting a 1st place award. PP Rather than attending the Awards banquet, we opted for dinner at The Porterhouse in Hot Springs. I know that the food was better. If you haven't visited or vacationed in Hot Springs, it is worth the trip. You can always get a hot bath and massage at the Park, and if you are really into it, visit the boyhood home of President Clinton. ( It's behind the trailer park and massage parlor.) We departed Sunday for a 9 hour trip home, with no surprises. Cliff







## Crawfish at Tickfaw State

Although the Crawfish Boil was not as well attended as previous years it was still a success. The food was great, facility cool with 4 fans, and company a lot of fun. We had 19 people attend the event this year. With the change in date from May to June and many, many members out of town the attendance was low but the fun wasn't.

Danny & Dana Varando put together a really fun game for couples to play. Door prizes were flowers in small pails with tiny windmills. Ladies brought their favorite desserts to share, and everyone brought their favorite drinks.

What a great way to spend a summer day in Louisiana than with boiled crawfish, potatoes, sausage, cold drinks, and friendly people..

Next year the Crawfish Boil will move back to early May.





## UnCar Show—Saturday, August 25th

One of the goals the Board of Directors has for this year is to increase attendance at club events. With this in mind the board has increased the number of awards to be presented at the upcoming UnCar Show.

Many of the members have cars that cannot even be driven to this event so to increase participation the Board has suggested categories dealing with pictures. Below is a complete listing of awards that may be presented at the upcoming UnCar Show.

<i>Award Title</i>	<i>Criteria (presentation quality will affect winner selected)</i>	<i>What's needed</i>
UnDo Award	Car with worst wheels	Car entry
Boot Award	The car that will most likely make you walk home.	Car entry
Interior Award	Car with the worst interior	Car entry
Gunk Award	Car with the dirtiest engine	Car entry
<b>Earl Scheib's "Ya get what ya pay for" Award</b>	Worst paint job	Car entry
Spider Web Award	Most impressive windshield crack	Car entry
Duct Tape Award	Car with rattiest top	Car entry
Grand Canyon Award	Biggest dash board split	Car entry
Most in need of restoration	WINNER OF THE UnCar show. Car receives a loving trophy.	Car entry
Safari car wash	Dirtiest car	Car entry
Body show award	Car with biggest dent	Car entry
Sherlock Holmes / Felix Unger	Perfect car inside and out	Car entry
Cars Really Needing Work	Picture of car too bad to drive	Pictures of cars with your name
Before and After	Pictures of before and after restoration	Pictures of cars with your name
Fastest Restoration	Timeline of the start to finish work (pictures, power point, slide show)	Timeline on paper with your name
Longest Restoration	Timeline of start date to current status	Timeline on paper with your name
Most Projects in Progress	List of all the ongoing projects	List on paper with your name
Most Ingenious Presentation	Something different for a presentation	A car or paper presentation that is above and beyond
Most Optimistic Goal	A project that should not have been started, but now that you are in it, you will continue on	A verbal or pictorial description of the project.





## *Walter Mitty, Road Atlanta, April 2012* By Tom Miller



My annual trek to the Historic Sportscar Racing's Walter Mitty Vintage Car Race ([www.themitty.com](http://www.themitty.com)), held towards the end of April each year, was made all the more enjoyable as I was on the pit-crew of a Triumph GT-6, but then

that's getting ahead of myself.

Road Atlanta's yearly Walter Mitty Race always has a marque that is featured, along with an appropriate celebrity. This year's race showcased Triumph (and to a smaller extent the MGB's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary), with the "celebrity" none other than Kas Kastner, a very successful former racer, Triumph "guru", and team owner. Each year, Mr. Kastner puts on the appropriately named Kastner Cup Trophy Race at one track. It is most unusual as it includes every Triumph entered, From TR-2s to TR-8s to specials with Triumph engines, but to make it fair, the winner of the Kastner Cup Trophy is rarely the race winner. The winner is the driver chosen by Mr. Kastner to have the most competitive spirit, driving ability, car, and whatever attributes he decides. This year it was awarded to a TR-3 driver who was quick, but definitely not the fastest entered! The actual race winner was an absolutely gorgeous one-of-a-kind Triumph TR250K.

Road Atlanta ([www.roadatlanta.com](http://www.roadatlanta.com)) is located about 35 miles north of Atlanta. The rolling hills and beautiful scenery make the track one of the best in the U.S., not to mention my favorite. The track itself is 2.54 miles long with 12 turns, and about an 80 foot elevation change. Its first race was held in 1970, and yours truly was in atten-

dance for that Sports Car Club of America National Championship event. Jeez, that was a long time ago, and I do have photos if anyone's interested! I had the program, but donated it to the track Historian.

The Mitty includes far more than just one manufacturer, as 250 to 300 competition cars from all over the world compete. This is a "vintage" race, so racers compete from 70 to 100 percent. You'd think some were out for a Sunday cruise, but others are seriously serious!

Model years competing are from the 30s to "vintage" cars from 4 or 5 years ago. Heck, there was a recent LeMans winner competing! That, as well as Formula-1, Indy, Can-Am, Trans-Am, and production based cars from Sprites to thundering Corvettes and former NASCAR stock cars make for a fun event at the Mitty. Of course cars are run in speed appropriate classes, but some drivers have to start watching their rear view mirror for the leader 3 laps into a race!

Besides just racing, enthusiasts can bring their street cars and have a place to show them off. The infield has an area reserved for various marques. This year was no exception with beautiful MGs, Triumphs, Sunbeams, Jags, Datsuns, Porsches, Ferraris, Corvettes, etc. The "etc." includes a LOT of marques!

That, along with Vendor's Row, makes the trip that much more enjoyable. Vendor's Row is anchored by Moss Motor's huge tent offering a place to rest, "adult beverage" of your choice, darts, and even a slot car racing track. Along with Moss, there are numerous parts, accessory, and food booths. The Little British Car Company is one of those many vendors.

Several club members from the Lafayette area



## ***Walter Mitty, Road Atlanta continued....***

make their annual trip north, camping out at the picturesque Turn 5.

Back to the first paragraph, I was invited by an old friend, Bill Newman and his wife Mary, both former CENLA SCCA members, to crew for his Triumph GT-6. It's shown in one of the photos, and is a clone of the Group 44 Triumph GT-6 run "back in the day." The original GT-6, now owned by Vintage Motorsport Magazine's Tim Suddard, was also there, but did not compete. That car is now for sale at just over \$100,000.00 if anyone's interested.

I would highly recommend this event for any sports car enthusiast, and hope to see more of you there next year.

Much closer to home, NOLA Motorsports Park has an HSR Vintage Race scheduled for early December this year.



Devin with TR-3 engine



TR-250K (One of a kind)



Corvair with mid mounded V-8



Daimler SP-250 (VERY modified!)





## *Walter Mitty, Road Atlanta continued....*



TR-4 formerly owned by Bob Stewart of BR



TR-3



Ambro Special with TR-3 engine



MGB-GT in spectator area



Bill Newman's Triumph GT-6



Jaguar XK-150



## ***"Fiction or fact".....trivially speaking*** by Bill Avery



AUTO TRIVIA.....Still struggling for significance...

Hello again –

In the June Newsletter I alluded to realizing that legitimate trivia is becoming a greater chore for me to extract and relate to the readers....

Ya'll still there, huh? ..... Here goes - - -

Since '57 I've "spoken Brit car" but as a garage owner/wrench/SCCA Racer, much of my lived "Trivia Experiences" relate to daily drivers and weekend race course warriors – then came Mondays, repair and readjusting those "race rides" for daily work car duties ..... and then the endless "bench racing"....great fun remembering the cars - - Recalling, knowing the customers/competitors...is the REAL JOY!...

Auto Trivia – back to it –

Over the years some of our autos have been dubbed with nicknames and sub titles –

Names more often than not relative to their design, dependability, or desirability factors.

Name the car from it's nickname..

1. Porsche's Revenge
2. German Kiddie Kar
3. Rolls watch fob – charm

Though not "cars".....do 4 and 5 ring a bell?

4. Nellie in her Nightie
5. "Takes off like a home sick gazelle with a tail full of wasps" – who said it about what... when?

Bill Avery





## Online Dues and Event Registration – by Don Marpe, Treasurer



Are you tired of mailing in your British Motoring Club membership forms and annual dues check. The club is trying to make payments easier. Now you can use an online registration process to renew your membership, pay your dues, and even purchase regalia. The web

site [www.clubregistration.net](http://www.clubregistration.net) now has a category “British Motoring Club”. Once you select the category, you can search for events that will include the Annual Membership Drive and the Annual Crawfish Boil. There is an easy process to create a member profile at the web site. Once on the web site, you can pay your membership dues or the crawfish ticket price with a credit card or use PayPal if you have an account. Setting up a PayPal account is also supported by the web site.

We will be giving demos at the next few club meetings, but do not hesitate to give the web site a try.

## Cars For Sale

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## Delgado Tech Session Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> 9 am to Noon

This tech session is for frame and wheel alignment. Meet with Delgado instructor Billy Gray in Building 40 (with the spray booths), and he'll go over the theory and application of frame and wheel alignment, and even get a chance to get a few cars up on the machine to check things out. If you want to work on your car while you're there, be sure to bring as many specifications as you can. After the Tech Session, we'll go out to lunch with Billy at Cafe Navarre. See you there!

## Newsletter Submissions And

## Free Classified Ads

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## Resource Library

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Although our Resource Library is still in it's infancy, the few items that we do have are all excellent and available to all members.

Currently there are at least sixteen items available. See the BMCNO web site under Member Services for a complete listing.

All items are available at our general membership meeting, or can be requested by contacting me by email at [bdmarpe@att.net](mailto:bdmarpe@att.net)

If there are any other titles you would like to have, then let me know.

Don Marpe



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*Print this form to submit your application.*

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Where did you learn of BMCNO? \_\_\_\_\_

What other car clubs do you belong? \_\_\_\_\_

Include information in the Online Web Directory    yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_

Please list me as ICE, (In Case of Emergency) willing to render assistance to members who break down in my area. yes\_\_\_ no\_\_\_

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*All payments need to be accompanied by this completed application form.* It is imperative that we have your correct and active email address because this is how all communication is now processed.

"I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the Club Officers under The British Motoring Club New Orleans, Inc. Charter and [By-Laws](#)."

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





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A. Earrings Made by a club member, these earrings feature the club logo, dangling from a earwire. More styles in development!	\$ 5.00 pair	F. License Plate Cover No Club Car is complete without a License Plate Cover or two.	\$ 3.00
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